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Henri Frenay fetched me today in a motor boat from my snuggery, and we went to a meeting of journalists - the object of my trip - at the Lido in the Palace of the Cinema, acoustically superb. A presentation was made of the operations of the Coal and Steel Pool and then many questions were asked by the European newspapermen. As was to be expected, most of them were complaints about how it had not yet benefited their particular countries. Strangely enough, the majority of remarks were directed to steel problems, the speakers being apparently unaware that the common market for steel only commences on May first.

The weather cleared in the course of the morning, and Venice and its surroundings became bathed, impregnated and effulgent with the brightest of all sunshine.

We lunched with Elizabeth Chazchavadje in her apartment on the top floor of the old Polignac palace. The view over the city defies comparison.

Tonight another gastronomic bout at the Gritti with Griselda, who arrived this evening by plane.

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